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Case 7590Q

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :  
DONALD C. ROE, ET AL. : Conf. No. 6995  
Serial No.: 09/342,719 : Group Art Unit: 3761  
Filed: June 29, 1999 : Examiner: P. Shanoski  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 1/16/01

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action (Paper No. 9) mailed on January 16, 2001.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

The Examiner has required that the claims of the present application be restricted to one of four groups that are further described in the Office Action, at Page 2. Applicants' attorney, in a phone conversation with the Examiner on 1/8/01, elected to prosecute the group identified as Group IV, including claims 28-37, 40-44, 47-49 and 58-60. Applicants' attorney hereby affirms the election and requests that the non-elected claims, claims 1-27, 38-39, 45-46, 50-57 and 61-63, be withdrawn from consideration at this time.